

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A rubber composition comprising as a rubber component, a rubber component consisting of (A) a synthetic polyisoprene rubber having a cis-1,4-bond content of not less than 99.0%, a 3,4-bond content of not more than 0.5% and a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100°C) of 20-110 and (B) a natural rubber, wherein a ratio by mass of (A) the synthetic polyisoprene rubber to a total of (A) the synthetic polyisoprene rubber and (B) the natural rubber is 5-60 mass % and a total content of (A) the synthetic polyisoprene rubber and (B) the natural rubber in the rubber component is not less than 80 mass %.

2. - 4. (canceled).

5. (original) A rubber composition according to claim 1, comprising not less than 10 parts by mass of a reinforcing filler based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

6. (original) A rubber composition according to claim 5, comprising not less than 30 parts by mass of a reinforcing filler based on 100 parts by mass of the rubber component.

7. - 9. (canceled).

10. (original) A rubber composition according to claim 1, which is used for a tread of a tire.

11. (original) A rubber composition according to claim 1, which is used for a casing member of a tire.

12. (previously presented): A tire, characterized in that a rubber composition as claimed in claim 1 is applied to a tread or a casing member.

13. (previously presented): A rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic polyisoprene rubber has a cis-1,4-bond content of not less than 99.6% and a 3,4-bond content of not more than 0.4%.

14. (previously presented): A rubber composition according to claim 1, wherein the synthetic polyisoprene rubber has a cis-1,4-bond content of not less than 99.9% and a 3,4-bond content of not more than 0.1%.